

**Have a Picnic & Explore the
Nature Play Area!**

*Available for Self-guided or
Naturalist-guided groups.*

Children explore and discover nature in the play area. Come, touch and feel, or run, jump, and play! Stations include:

- **Climbing Rock** and tree stumps
- **Oak Grove** stepping stones and arbor
- **Fort building**
- **Natural Stone amphitheatre** and Music circle
- **Pollinator gardens**

Naturalist-guided groups are encouraged to allow an extra half- hour for picnic and play.

Self-guided groups are invited to use the picnic and play area, and take the self- guiding nature trail hike or nature bingo. Please call ahead to check for availability. Donations for self-guided groups are appreciated.

Climbing rock and play area are funded through City of Maplewood Charitable Gambling funds, and The Friends of Maplewood Nature Center. To find how you can join The Friends – call the nature center!



FEES:

Naturalist led program or puppet show with naturalist led hike \$4/child

Puppet Show & self-guided hike\$3/child

**OUTREACH fee: \$100 for first 45 Minutes
\$30 for each consecutive show.**

Minimum group fee:\$30.00

Cancellation Policy: We bill \$20 for cancellations with short notice.

PROGRAM LENGTH:

Plan one hour and 15 minutes for each program. Programs for 2-3 year old groups last 1/2 hour. Includes a few minutes to visit the touch and see room.

GROUP SIZE:

Programs are designed for groups of up to 30 pre-school children. Puppet Shows and live animal presentations are appropriate for larger groups.

Recommended Adult/child ratio:

1 adult for every 2 toddlers

1 adult for 8 preschoolers

Additional adults are always welcome.

Our facility complies with A.D.A. requirements. Please inform us of any special needs so we can accommodate you.

Fall Preschool Programs 2016
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MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER FALL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Activities with crafts are starred (*)

Preschool programs start indoors with a short naturalist-led hike outside included, weather permitting..

*AUTUMN LEAVES

(Sept.-Oct.)

Ages 3-5

Take a hike in search of colorful leaves, do a leaf toss and make a leaf rubbing craft.

ACORNS & ANIMALS

(Sept.-Nov.)

Ages 3-5

Pretend to be squirrels gathering acorns and getting ready for winter. Watch for squirrels in the woods.

CRITTERS UNDER LOGS

(Sept.-Oct.)

Ages 3-5

Peek under a log to find the variety of animals hidden there. Watch the salamander eat a favorite treat.

SPIDER IN THE WEB

(Sept.)

Ages 4-5

Let our friendly spider puppet teach you all about its relatives. Includes songs, story and spider craft.

*WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLARS

(Sept.-Dec.)

Ages 3-5

Learn how the woolly bear caterpillar survives the winter thru story, craft and exploration outdoors. Make a pet woolly bear caterpillar to take home.

MEET THE ANIMALS

(All year)

Ages 4-5

Slither like a snake, hop like a frog or slurp like a salamander. Touch and see our live animals and learn how they live.

WILD ANIMAL PUPPET SHOWS: Laugh, learn, and sing along with our puppets for a 20-30 minute seasonal puppet show. Then explore exhibits in our animal amphitheater.

Fall: "Wonderfall"

Winter: "Let it Snow"

Spring: "Spring to Your Senses"

Summer: "Quack, Quack, Ribbit, Ribbit, Peep, Peep"



SELF-GUIDING GROUPS:

- * Visit the Animal Amphitheatre and take a self-guiding nature bingo on the trail.
- * Allow time to picnic and play in the Nature Play Area!
- * A small donation for self-guided groups is appreciated.

Please call to reserve your visit.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS: WE WILL COME TO YOUR SITE!

Animals With Fur

Wolf, coyote, mink and otter, oh my! Become familiar with MN mammals.

Birds, Beaks & Song

Learn about colorful birds and join the bird chorus.

